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BLESSINGS FROM PRISON

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Dear Friends,

OUR MISSION: *To introduce Jesus Christ to each incarcerated person in Texas and Louisiana through a curriculum of English and Spanish Bible correspondence courses, that are free, postpaid, and volunteer graded.*

What a fruitful year! What a wonderful privilege to be working the purpose of God's heart – that every individual may come to know Him, Whom to know is eternal life (John 17:3). As we scatter the seed of His Word through our courses, some do seem to fall by the wayside, and others are choked by the cares and distractions of this world. But the testimonies of those who receive this Word and bear fruit for God's glory are very encouraging and so deeply satisfying.

Indeed, you have carried this work along with great faithfulness through your prayers, generous gifts, and diligent volunteering. The numbers to the right testify to the consistent labor that has gone into proclaiming the truth and building the faith of those in the Body of Christ who are imprisoned. As Zacharias the priest and father of John the Baptist prophesied, "To give light to those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death..." (Luke 1:79)

To use one of Paul's expressions in speaking to the Corinthians, our lives are open to you. Ask to review our courses, our Statement of Faith, the annual Auditor's Report, view a short video of our history or read a brief history of ECS. Your participation would be greatly appreciated and beneficial to many inmates in Texas and Louisiana.

Rodger Turley, Director

*The Lord foils the plans of the nations;
He thwarts the purposes of the peoples.
But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever,
the purposes of His heart through all
generations. Psalm 33:10-11*

The Year 2014 In Review

7,954: Growth of our Active Student body by 1,100 from 6,843 in January.

79,028: Courses our mailroom mailed out.

53,359: Exams our counselors have graded and prayed over.

11,794: New students who enrolled in 2014; some went home without their course, others transferred to another prison and left it behind, a few lost our courses, and some had them destroyed in shake-downs. Over the course of the year an average of 40% of the enrollees continue their studies.

633: First time professions of faith in Christ or about 53 per month.

328: Prison institutions housing our students – county/parish, state, and federal.

124: The number of students who graduated our English and Spanish curriculum.

75%: Postage (our largest expense) and course booklets account for ¾ of our total expenses.

The income stream was **weak the first half** of the year, but like most other ministries, ended with a **vigorous increase by December 31.**

\$4.63: The cost to completely service one student with one course, having the exam returned to the Branch for grading, and then the exam returned to the student with comments and other encouraging literature. This is an increase from \$4.16 in January.

\$229,391.00: Churches, Corporate grants, Local Independent Charities, and numerous individual gifts in 2014. **Thank you!**

Please use the enclosed contribution as follows: Amount _____

(____) The general fund to purchase and distribute Bible Study Courses.

(____) For Staff Support: _____

(____) Other: _____

Your Name Address City State Zip

(____) Please remove me from your mailing list.

Please return with your next contribution. Thank you.

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By Paul Moore

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By Cassandra Ratliff

Virginia Wetzel, Counselor with Lakeside Baptist
WPM Branch 058

By Nell Wilson

Herbert Lee Turley, father of WPM Director, Rodger
Turley

By Rodger Turley

By Nell Wilson

By Martin Gallas

BY THE NUMBERS

	DECEMBER	2014 YTD
Ministry Statistics		
Enrolled Students	7,954	7,954
New Enrollees (<i>Born To Win</i>)	936	11,794
Professions of Faith	69	633
Course Books Mailed	7,134	79,028
Course Exams Completed	5,140	53,359
Student Achievements		
Students Graduated (72 units)	15	124
Operation Finances		
Expenses:	\$29,235.36	\$247,203.97
Postage: \$13,677.30		
Courses: \$7,676.58		
Printing: \$2,501.15		
Donations:	\$39,665.40	\$229,390.78
Net:	\$10,430.04	* (\$17,813.19)

*A generous gift scheduled for December but deposited in January more than covers our 2014 deficit. We praise our great God Who provides!

Memorable One-Liners From Our Students

“First of all, I want to give God all the glory and all the thanks for sending His Son, Jesus, Who died for my sins. **Richard**

“Lord, today I thank you for making room for me.”
(John 14:2 “I go to prepare a place for you.”) **Dwight**

“It [the Bible] is far too rich to be the musings of mere ‘word-smiths’.” **Robert**

“I am so grateful that there are people who use their time for this type of work.” **James**

“I have been told by fellow Christians that you have one of the best correspondence Bible study courses.”
Darrell

“You all have been my only source of fellowship being that I am in segregation.” **Philip**

“Please keep filling this vessel that I may pour this Water from the Fountain of Life on others.” **Otilio**

“God will meet your needs, even when it looks like there is nothing to meet them with.” **Michael**

“Thank you, Write-Way, for what you do – REAL Rehab!” **Patrick**

“Due to your faithfulness, sinners like myself can experience the richness of His grace through diligent study of God’s inspired word.” **Jim**

“Prison no longer seems like prison with the Lord.” **Steven**

Government employees in Texas may make designated work place payroll deductions through Local Independent Charities of Texas (LIC) at www.lic.org

Our annual certified CPA audit is available upon request.
WPM Statement of Faith is available upon request.

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